

#### Reading Questions 19-21

1. Poisoned ears are present in this act literally and figuratively, the king was poisoned through his ear, and lies are being fed into people's ears.
2. Horatio was scared that Hamlet would go mad if he followed the ghost.
3. The ghost of the king wanted Hamlet to avenge him and that channeled his grief into a need for revenge.
4. There can be comparisons made between Hamlet and Beowulf, for example the roles of the characters like Hamlet is the blood-avenger.

#### Reading Questions 20

1. Hamlet definitely acted weird with Polonius so I think intense emotions like rage and grief did make him go a little crazy.
2. Polonius spies on everyone like crazy, so does everyone else, which leads to lots of misunderstandings.

#### Reading Questions 21

1. Hamlet is crazy because he acts differently to everyone and with varying degrees of madness.
2. Because Claudius killed his brother the king, it created a situation that caused everyone to distrust each other and spy on each other.
3. Everyone is deceiving everyone
4. Hamlet's need for revenge is causing this madness and he's putting off killing his uncle for some reason.
5. The speech is about suicide.